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Not only the greatest pole vaulter in the business today, but a "darn good egg" as well is Cornelius (Corny) Warmerdam. So says Homer Thomas, Oregon varsity pole vaulter, whom we collared yesterday after rain, which interrupted his workout, drove him to cover. Thomas, who went to the Hill relays in Portland Friday with Colonel Bill Hayward, "talked shop" with the champ shortly after his performance.

"He'd show you how he held the grip on the pole and tell you all about it," Thomas declared as he began to fan the air with his feet in an upside-down "bicycle" exercise. "He acted just like an ordinary guy and not at all a champ," he said.

Warmerdam, who looks definitely of Dutch stock with stringy, blond, uncombed hair, uses a much higher grip than the average pole vaulter. Compared to the grip of the average college vaulter, which is about 11½ or 12 feet, the champ grips the bamboo at around 13 feet. "If the ordinary vaulter could handle such a high grip, he might be able to get that same height," Thomas said, as he concluded his "cycling" and once again sat upright. The Flying Dutchman also runs at full speed — almost sprinting — down the 140-foot runway. Not only does he know how to handle his speed, Thomas declared, but has perfect timing as well.

#### Colonel Bill Goes for Warmerdam

Colonel Bill really drank it all in, Thomas said. "He was all eyes, and was always running over to point out to me little things that Warmerdam was doing. I picked up a lot of good tips, but," he added, "using them is another thing."

Thomas recalled a time about three years ago when he was reading about the great United States vaulters. That was the year Earl Meadows was champion and, with Bill Shefton, composed the vaulting elite of the nation. After the betterknown vaulters came mention of some who "were good," but not tops. Included in this list; Thomas said, were George Varoff, Oregon ex-champion who was then on his way down, and Warmerdam, who was hitting a mere 14 feet in college at Fresno State.

Since then Warmerdam has developed with a burst. Seventeen times he has vaulted 15 feet while his best is 15 feet  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

#### Les Steers, 'Pole Vaulter'

Informant Thomas revealed to us some startling news when he told how **our old** champion friend, Les Steers, turned pole vaulter for a night.

In order to have any mark which Warmerdam might make official under A.A.U. rules, three entrants were needed. Earl Meadows, former champion who held the old mark of 14 feet 11 inches, participated, going out at 14 feet 6. But there was no third entry. Here's where Les came in. He enterd, to make things official, ran down the runway three times, and then retired to leave the two specialists to battle it out.

Les, Thomas remarked with a laugh, is as "fat as a horse," having put on about 30 pounds. Although taking the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 5 inches, Steers "didn't look too good"

# Net Team Loses Smith

## No.I Court Man Moves to Golf

Kerm Smith, top-ranking tennis player, will not be playing for the Oregon net team this season. Smith has decided to give up tennis in favor of golf and has been turning cut with the Lemon and Green divoteers instead.

This moves blond Frankie Baker, the Olympian who ranked No. 3 last season, into the No. 1 spot. Hard-smashing Johnny Williams also advances, stepping up to No. 2.

Meanwhile, weather conditions yesterday caused a postponement of the qualifying rounds of the freshman elimination tournament. The varsity and freshman squads worked out in McArthur court, with their opening matches coming up April 11.

The varsity elimination rounds get under way Friday and finish Tuesday. Following this, a challenge ladder will be run off, with those not content with ranking being able to try for a more preferred spot.

This year's racket team appears to be a better-balanced club than last year's, with no outstanding star. Also evident, is a new spirit which has spread over the club.

### Weather Hits Coed Contest

A mild dose of Oregon sunshine played havoc with the coed interhouse tennis tournament (also the interdorm softball league). The first round of the tournament was postponed. The rained-out matches will be played Friday, April 3, Wednesday's matches will continue as scheduled.

They are slated for 4 p.m. Helen "Barky" Barklow is meeting Maxine Mann (No wonder Dick Lawrence has been playing tennis lately). Alpha Phi Gloria Kibbee trades swats with ADPi Flo Hamilton, while in the final match Max Martin tangles with Fee Pat Larkin.

Thursday matches pit R. Foreman against S. Mack; J. Thatcher vs. B. Valleau, and V. Wells with T. Greenberg. (We'll go into detail on them tomorrow). The rained-out contestants were named in yesterday's Emerald. If rain should interfere with any more scheduled contests the girls are requested to contact their opponents and reserve a court to play off their match.



KERM SMITH ... ... had to decide between tennis and golf. He chose golf.

## Hanen Leads Divot Squad

Dick Hanen, clubbing a 297 score for 72 holes of the Laurelwood course, led the University of Oregon's golf team in the qualifying rounds of its elimination tournament.

Don Cawley, manager of the team, tied Bob Duden, Portland sophomore, with a score of 306.

The Webfoot team, defending division champions, opens the 1942 season against the University of Washington at Seattle on April 11.

The complete results of the qulifying round, which ended Sunday, follows:

- 1. Dick Hanen, 297.
- 2. Don Cawley, 306.
- Bob Duden, 306.
- 4. Dick Maier, 311.

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## Hayward Adds Frosh Mentor

The Webfoot frosh track squad has acquired a new mentor, Bob McKinney, who is Colonel Bill's first-lieutenant this year. He will run the frosh through the races, while Hayward concentrates on the varsity.

They were billed for a stiff work-out Tuesday to find the speedsters in the bunch, but a soggy track cancelled the plans.

One new aspirant was added to the duckling roll Tuesday afternoon, Johnny Todd, who runs the low hurdles and broad-jumps. Chances are two to one that he will be represented in the broadjump because there was no one listed in that event until Todd signed.

Because of the undesirable conditions, the turn-out Tuesday was unusually small. The frosh will compete with the varsity in the time trials today and Saturday, but will not compete in the Portland meet the eleventh.

- 5. Ken Bergstrom, 315.
- 6. Ray Farmer, 316.
- 7. Kerm Smith, 321.
- •8. Ralph Huestis, 322.
- 9. Bill Barasch, 336.
- 10. Dick Davis, 337.
- 11. Ray Cook, 339.
- Clay Jones, 339

13. Tom Corbett, 348.

In challenge matches, Barasch defeated Kerm Smith and Ray Farmer, 4-3 and 2-1, and moves into the No. 6 position.



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as he had jumped only twice since last season. He is married and now works at the shipyards in Portland.

"He told Bill that he might jump some later on in Idaho," Homer declared. "Steers should have little trouble getting in shape as he has trained most of his life. Though," he grinned, "he is getting thick through the waist and hips."

#### Short Sport Shots

Brief bits from here and there: Two former Oregon baseball stars were listed on the Los Angeles roster for the season. Both are infielders, Elmer Mallory and Charles (Zeke) Clifford. Mallory turned pro several years ago when just a junior while Clifford got the money urge last season after completing a big year as a sophomore first sacker with the Ducks.

When the Webfoots face Portland Friday, the Pilot nine will be under the command of R. L. (Matty) Mathews for the first time. Matty, regular grid coach, succeeds Bill arbarino. Top ranking chucker for the Pilots is Vince Pesky, younger brother of Joe Pesky, who is slated to take over the shortstop post for the faltering Joe Cronin, Red Sox chieftain.

Last year the Duck varsity cracked down on Oregon State in three out of four games, beating the Beaver prize plum, Glenn Elliott, on two occasions. Only Orange chucker to cure the Oregon sluggers was Clayton Shaw, who was rated under the touted Elliott.

Buck Bailey, Cougar coach and one-man circus, hits Eugene with his gang April 22 and 23. With priority on metal, we bet Buck won't be denting the water buckets with quite so much gusto this year.

## Taylor Tops Golf Entrants

Rod Taylor, manager of the freshman golf team, led the pack in the qualifying scores for the first-year men. Taylor, who shot the final round in a 66, had a total of 282 strokes for the 72 holes.

The first matches for the freshmen will be April 18, when they meet Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, and University high schools here.

Complete results and rankings:

1. Rod Taylor, 282.

- 2. Harold Kelly, 301.
- 3. Dave Gowans, 310.
- 4. Bill Pengra, 312.
- 5. Dick Shultz, 317.
- 6. Paul Everett, 323.
- 7. Bob Moore, 328.
- 8. Wayne Hubbard, 343.

#### By JOE MILLER

Beta Warren Finke came within three-tenths of a second of breaking the 40-yard back stroke record set by Kappa Sig Gerry McDonald in 1939 as the Betas won their meet with the PiKaps by a whisker, 24 to 23. His time was 23.4 in comparison to McDonald's time of 23.1. Both other meets were forfeited, the Phi Sigs failing to show to engage the ATOs and Sherry Ross, who must be pointing for Susan Campbell, having FTS trouble with the Yeomen. Jump to Front

The Betas kept a narrow margin over the PiKAs all the way, jumping out in front with two victories in the 40-yard events. Finke took the backstroke in his near-record time with teammate Bob Duden trailing him. PiKap Jackson tacking third.

The PiKAs came back in the freestyle, Gurley and Withers stroking in first and second. The time was 23.9. The Betas splashed right back in the breast stroke, Bill Lyon taking a close first over PiKap Cliff Giffin. Beta Dick Sheahan took third, a half-length away.

#### **Giffin Gives**

Cliff the Giff got his first in the 60-yard individual medley. He out-thrashed Betas Harpo and Duden to win easily. Time, 41.8. Led to show to engage the ATOs by the great leadoff webfooting of Finke, the Betas stayed ahead of the scrapping PiKAs to touch home a fraction of a second ahead in the 120-yard medley relay. However in the last event of the afternoon Finke turned from a hero into a "bum." Swimming as anchor man in the 120yard freestyle he jumped the gun and gave the event to the PiKaps. But his team had enough margin to narrowly win, 24 to 23.

